

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior claim versions and listings:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A network contents managing system as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~17, wherein the contents monitoring unit further outputs the contents modification information when the retained information is modified as a result of a mounting/removing of a removable medium.

3. (Currently Amended) A network contents managing system as claimed in Claim ~~[[1]]~~17, wherein the network monitoring ~~units~~ unit detects a power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and retains in the contents database ~~the retained~~ information reflecting the power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A network contents managing system as claimed in Claim ~~[[1]]~~17, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of ~~an~~ at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, ~~the~~ a retrieval request detection unit, ~~the~~ a network monitoring unit, ~~the~~ a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and ~~the~~ a retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

6 - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A network contents managing system as claimed in Claim [[5]] 23, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

10 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A network contents managing system as claimed in Claim [[1]]17, the system further comprising a database edition unit for enabling a user to edit the contents database.

14. (Currently Amended) A network contents managing system as claimed in claim [[1]]17, wherein:

the contents database associates the content file with an apparatus identification number, and retains the apparatus identification number while including apparatus usable state data with the apparatus identification number; and

the database managing unit performs registration and modification to the contents database upon receipt of the connection state information and the contents modification information.

15. (Previously Presented) A network contents managing system as claimed in claim 14, wherein

the database managing unit changes the apparatus usable state data not shown in the connection state to be unusable.

16. (Previously Presented) A network contents managing system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the database managing unit changes the apparatus usable state data of the information including the apparatus identification number shown in the connection state to be usable.

17. (New) A network contents managing system comprising:

a plurality of apparatuses connected to a network wherein each apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses comprises a contents file and a contents monitoring unit that outputs contents modification information when the apparatus modifies the contents file;

a contents database retaining accessibility information for each of the contents files of the plurality of apparatuses; and

a database managing unit, wherein said database managing unit updates the contents database according to the contents modification information.

18. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

a network monitoring unit that monitors a change in connection state to the network of at least one of the apparatuses of the plurality of apparatuses and outputs a new apparatus connection state as connection state information when the connection state of the apparatus changes, wherein

the database managing unit further updates the contents database according to the connection state information.

19. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the contents monitoring unit further outputs the contents modification information when retained information is modified as a result of a mounting/removing of a removable medium.

20. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the network monitoring unit detects a power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected

to the network and retains in the contents database retained information reflecting the power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

21. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 2, wherein a network monitoring unit detects a power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and retains in the contents database the retained information reflecting the power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

22. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the network monitoring unit detects a power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and retains in the contents database the retained information reflecting the power on/off of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

23. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 18, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, a retrieval request detection unit, the network monitoring unit, a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and a retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

24. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 2, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, a retrieval request detection unit, the network monitoring unit, a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and a

retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

25. (New) network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 19, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of an apparatus connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, the retrieval request detection unit, a network monitoring unit, the database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and the retrieval result output unit at another apparatus connected to the network.

26. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 3, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, a retrieval request detection unit, a network monitoring unit, a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and a retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

27. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 20, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, a retrieval request detection unit, the network monitoring unit, a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and a retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

28. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 21, the system further comprising a power monitoring unit for monitoring a power operation of at least one apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network and a remote start unit for activating at least one of the contents database, a retrieval request detection unit, the network monitoring unit, a database retrieval unit, the database managing unit, and a retrieval result output unit at another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

29. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 5, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

30. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 23, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

31. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 24, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

32. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 25, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

33. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 26, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

34. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 27, the system further comprising a power operation unit for operating a power of another apparatus of the plurality of apparatuses connected to the network.

35. (New) The network contents managing system as claimed in Claim 18, the system further comprising a database edition unit for enabling a user to edit the contents database.